

Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER 000166.0108-US01 Art Unit Filing Date Application No. Examiner 10/022,859-Conf. #1415 December 20, 2001 J. A. Venkat 1615 Applicant(s): J. Michael Ramstack et al. Invention: PREPARATION OF MICROPARTICLES HAVING IMPROVED FLOWABILITY TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims Highest Remaining Number Number Extra Claims After Previously **Amendment** Paid **Present** 0.00 **Total Claims** 12 51 = 0 Х 50.00 Independent 5 0 0.00 10 200.00 **Claims** Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: 0.00 Small Entity x Large Entity x No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. x | The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 50-0740 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. x Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: February 27, 2007 Andrea G. Reister Attorney/Agent Reg. No.: 36,253 COVINGTON & BURLING LLP 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

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J. Michael Ramstack et al.

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For: PREPARATION OF MICROPARTICLES

HAVING IMPROVED FLOWABILITY

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2006 (Paper No. 20061127), finally rejecting claims 65, 75-78, 80, 81, 83, 86, 88, 94, 95, 99, 101, 102, and 116-118, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and

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any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.